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in the same manner that we have the Research division, the Fiscal Office, the Bill Drafter, the Clerk's Office, and those sorts of things. Okay, the Nebraska Center Board is established. The board shall consist of 21 members, including 10 members selected from state government and 11 at large. Let's see...six members shall...of the Legislature, shall be appointed, four ex-officio members from the Executive Branch will be appointed by the Governor. At-large members, five members shall be appointed by the Executive Board of the Legislative Council and six members shall be appointed by the Executive Board of the Legislature. Board members shall serve four-year terms, except initial appointments and they're staggered going on. And then they shall receive, I don't think there's any money, but there is the normal expenses. I do not like to have land mines in statute, unfunded mandates. And the Futures Center is, in fact, in existences, in statute today, without any money. Last...this veto was last May. Remember what we did last fall? Well you might not know that we took, as the across-the-board cuts, about \$1 million out of the Legislative Council budget for this year and next year in this biennium. Now with the passage of LB 1309, we took another half-million dollars, or so,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...that's not exactly clear to me, out of the Executive Council budget. If Senator Wickersham would have been proposing a study, modest in cost, ran by whomever; the Exec Board, or preferably the Revenue Committee, with a provision for a task force, I would have been in favor of that. But I came in here with a Syracuse Tax Study, and I don't know if Senator Landis or Senator Hartnett are around, remember, that had just been completed, and I'm remiss in knowledge, but I think we spent \$300,000 in the previous Legislature, to study our tax system. When that was brought up, when I came in as a freshman, the senior members who had read it had said "har, har, har, har, har." It was not paid attention to. We went ahead and did whatever it was that seemed to be the appropriate thing to do at that time. And the Syracuse Tax Study became something that was looked at, and if I'm not wrong I would ask one of the...my several colleagues that were here at that time,...